

CLAIMS

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June 20, 1929*

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The Secretary of State to the Spanish Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, August 24, 1927

SIR:

The Ambassador's note of July 26, 1927, with further reference to the claim of the heirs of Señor Manuel Arias Brios, and to the suggestions made in my note of May 31, last, relative to the desirability of an informal consideration of such claims as either Government may now desire to bring to the attention of the other, was duly received and has had consideration.

With respect to His Excellency's request for a statement of the precise steps contemplated for the consideration of such claims, it is suggested (1) that each Government should submit to the other on or before a specified date in the near future, a list of the claims which each desires to urge for the consideration and allowance of the other, together with a brief statement of the facts. This Government would suggest that such lists should be exchanged by January 1, 1928. (2) Subsequently, at the expiration of an agreed period of time, say three months, required for the examination of the claims presented, the two Governments should designate representatives, one each, to confer together in an effort to decide upon the merits of the claims, and, if possible to concur in conclusions as to the appropriate disposition to be made of each of the claims presented. (3) The claims which the representatives agree should be paid shall be referred by them to the respective Governments with their recommendations. (4) Cases in which the representatives do not agree or in which the recommendations of the representatives are not accepted by the two Governments might be disposed of by such further agreement as might at the time seem expedient.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

FRANK B. KELLOGG

Señor Don MARIANO DE AMOEDO Y GALARMENDI
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Spain

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The Secretary of State to the Spanish Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON, May 13, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

Reference is made to this Government's note of August 24, 1927, to the Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim* of Spain concerning an arrangement for the informal consideration of claims of the United States against Spain and Spanish claims against this Government.

As no reply to this communication has been received this Government is uncertain as to the acquiescence of the Spanish Government in the suggestions made therein. As previously indicated this Government is desirous of settling all outstanding claims between the two Governments and is willing to submit for consideration by the Spanish Government a list of claims in which it feels that satisfaction should be made. Before proceeding to the preparation of such list, however, it desires to be informed whether the arrangement proposed in its note of August 24, 1927, is concurred in by the Spanish Government and whether that Government will submit a list of its claims to this Government for use in carrying out the purposes of the proposed arrangement.

It is understood that the claims referred to are distinct from those of American citizens and protégés which have arisen in that part of Morocco commonly known as the Spanish Zone and which were made the subject of a special arrangement through my predecessor's note of November 7, 1927, and Your Excellency's note of February 1 [11], 1928, in reply thereto.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

HENRY L. STIMSON

His Excellency

SEÑOR DON ALEJANDRO PADILLA Y BELL

Ambassador of Spain

The Spanish Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

ROYAL SPANISH EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, June 20, 1929

No. 80/23

MR. SECRETARY:

With reference to Your Excellency's kind note of May 13, 1929, relating to the previous one of August 24, 1927, in which was expressed a desire on the part of the Government of the United States to arrive at a conclusion on the reciprocal claims now pending between Spain and North America, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that I have received a telegraphic answer from Madrid informing me that the Government of His Majesty gladly

agrees to begin a study of the case and to that end will send me by mail detailed instructions to start the work.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. Secretary, to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALEJANDRO PADILLA

The Honorable

HENRY L. STIMSON

Secretary of State